

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,952,234 to Hatano ("*Hatano*") and objected to claims 7-10 as depending from a rejected claim.

By this amendment, Applicant amends claims 7-10, cancels claims 1-6 and 11-24 without prejudice or disclaimer, and adds new claims 25-46. Claims 7-10, and 25-46 remain pending.

In response to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7-10 (Office Action at page 3), Applicant cancels claim 1, and rewrites claims 7 and 8 in independent form.

Claims 7-10 and 25-46 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant requests reconsideration of this application and the allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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